



Alpine Rockford Kiwanis
Theme for 2007-2008



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I am very happy to report to my fellow Alpine Kiwanians that after the completion of almost one quarter of the year the club administration and programs are running very smoothly and according to plan with two exceptions. When previously asked how my Presidency is going I've consistently replied, "my job is a pleasure due to the strong support I receive from all the members and committee chairman. The only two issues I have at this point involve the Young Children Priority One committee and attendance at Kiwanis at Night.

The Young Children Priority One Committee with preschool focus is to identify the needs of children ages 0 to 5 and provide programs. This is a major emphasis for Kiwanis and requires strong leadership and support. We have strong leadership in the person of Michelle Wahl. There are currently four members of Michelle's committee not including herself. A meeting was recently called and only one member besides Michelle appeared. This by itself would not be so disappointing but for the fact that Michelle had very little committee support as Chairman of YCPO last year. Sometimes scheduling conflicts occur but it is extremely important that these committee meetings be attended regularly by the members. I will be calling on other members of the club to join this committee in an effort to carry out the very important work conducted by this committee in an area of major emphasis. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact myself or Michelle as soon as possible.

My other concern is the attendance at the Kiwanis at night meetings which are held the last Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. at Thunder Bay Grill. At the last meeting we had approximately 20 people in attendance which included three new inductees. I would like to double this attendance by the club members so that we can run a meeting more closely aligned with our morning meeting but on a slightly abbreviated basis. I encourage all members of the club to attend the Kiwanis at night at least several times a year. Your attendance is considered a make-up meeting counted toward perfect attendance. More importantly it provides support to the Thursday night only members who are seeking guidance and leadership from the morning members of our club. Thus far the Thursday night program has been successful and we would like to make it a greater success. You can contact Michael Simmons or Shawn Artlip for further details.

**Alpine Rockford
Kiwanis meets –**

**WEEKLY:
THURSDAYS
7:10 a.m.
HOFFMAN HOUSE
(eat at 6:45 a.m.)**

**MONTHLY:
4th THURSDAY
6:30 p.m.
THUNDER BAY
GRILL**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dec. 13	Mark Bankord – Heartland Community Church
Dec. 20	Christmas Program
Dec. 27	New Year's Program
Jan. 3	Christina Valiquette – English as a Second Language
Jan. 10	Bob O'Brien – Rockford Airport
Jan. 17	Club Members – Immigration
Jan. 24	Michael Simmons – Membership Committee
Jan. 31	Mary Jo Dunn – The Hatian Project

BIRTHDAYS

Name	December	Name	January
Delos Lewis	19	Mark Lewis	5
Jim Yarwood	21	Fred Ellenberger	6
Maleeah Cuevas	24	Joe Etminan	10
Michele Wahl	26	Marge Hamburg	11
		John France	12
		Larry McGee	12
		Steve Newton	12
		Sophie Davis	13
		Hal Branstiter	14
		Lois Wildman	14
		Andrew Krauss	16
		John Vanderheyden	18
		Barb Olson	20
		Bob Herro	23

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	December	Name	January
Fred Beck	4	David Helland	4
Lawrence McGee	22		
Marlow Anderson	15		
Loren Johnson	27		
Verla Sterett	31		
Ward Sterett	31		

Editor's Correction

As much as we try to be accurate sometimes errors are made and we do apologize. A thank you goes to Verla Sterett who noted from the November 2007 Newsletter Delos Lewis Birthday is December 19. It was posted as Lewis Delos.

Greeters

December

13	Del Lewis	David Whitehouse
20	Mark Lewis	Ken Whitmore
27	Darrell Lindstrom	Sandra Whitson

January

3	Joe Mannone	Andrew Wight
10	John McCue	James Wilson

Word of the Day / Invocator

December

13	Jim Merrick	Steve Ferrall
20	Amanda Meyers	Keith Forberg
27	Roger Miller	John France

January

3	Curt Moen	Mary Ann Gaunt
10	Dave Nelsen	Anders Gredenius

WORD OF THE DAY

Nov. 8 – John McCue

Accept the fact that your way might not be the best way.

Nov. 15 – Loren Johnson

The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches to reveal to him his own.

– Benjamin Disraeli

Nov. 21 – Doris McLendon

When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food, and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies with yourself.

*Tecumseh (1768-1813)
Shawnee Chief*

Nov. 29 - Dean McMorris

Learn the art of patience. Apply discipline to your thoughts when they become anxious over the outcome of a goal. Impatience breeds anxiety, fear, discouragement and failure. Patience creates confidence, decisiveness and a rational outlook, which eventually leads to success.

NEXT DEADLINE: January 3, 2008

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AIM HIGH

One of the challenges we Northerners face is the increasing level of darkness during these winter months. The sun seems to have only just risen and already it's on its downward arc. Often before we leave our offices at the end of the work day now, it is as dark as the middle of the night. This encroaching darkness can really affect our mood and ability to face the long night ahead. It's no wonder then, that the holidays that fall in December have an important element of light. While the holidays are all different from one another, there is an element of light in each to help brighten our spirits. These lights also bring a sense of the Divine light that shines on us the whole year long. May our holidays be bright and warm, fend off the darkness, and help us all aim high,

Binah Wing

From John Heisel and the YCPO Committee:

The Young Children Priority One committee wants to remind you that the first Kiwanis meeting of the month (starting January, 2008) is when you should make it your "priority" to bring any empty printer ink cartridges and any unused cell phones and drop them in the YPCO box. Please include chargers with your phones if you have them.

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE

The Community Services Committee has joined forces with Division 12 Lt. Governor, Verla Sterett, in initiating a weekly "Food Drive" wherein Alpine Kiwanis members are asked to bring one non-perishable food item each week when attending regular club meetings. Mark Lewis' father and new club member, Del, has agreed to accept the responsibility of getting these items to the Salvation Army. The "Food Drive" will be an on-going project to last this Kiwanis year (until September 30, 2008) and is to be a Division 12 Group Project so all Kiwanis clubs are being encouraged to participate. Think how much good we can do for those less fortunate right here in our own community by just remembering to bring one item each week.

From Verla Sterett Lt. Governor of Dist 12:

Many members of Alpine Kiwanis, along with a couple from the Northern Winnebago-Roscoe Club, worked hard putting up the display for the Festival of Lights at Sinnissippi Park. If you have not had a chance to see it, you should make a point of driving through the festival to see all of the displays. The Kiwanis display is a tribute to all of the clubs in Division 12 and the sponsored groups. If you did not have a chance to be involved with the setting up of the display, perhaps you would like to help with the take-down. If so, contact Jeanne Sullivan, Mary Ann Gaunt or Bob Herro.



**From Bob Herro
and the Special Events Committee:**

Once again, voices and musicians are needed to bring Christmas Carol to our nursing home friends. On Saturday, December 15th, we will meet in the Alpine Bank parking lot on East State Street at 4:30pm and proceed to 3 homes. The Tillys have invited us over for a hot bowl of chili and fellowship afterward. If interested please contact Bob Herro.

Bob Herro had a good look at our Festival of Lights display and it does Kiwanis proud. He believes that it is worth the first place prize of \$750.00. You can insure it by viewing it at www.rockfordfireandice.com and voting for our display.

**From Michael Simmons
and Kiwanis Nights:**

The Board of Directors has established a committee to guide the progress of our new Kiwanis Nights program on the last Thursday of each month. If you want to be a part of this important initiative, please contact President Ted Liebovich. Join active Kiwanis Nights members in offering an alternative way to be part of the Kiwanis Family in the Rockford area.



From the Board of Directors:

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors there appears to be some confusion regarding Happy Barrel. While the proceeds from Happy Barrel have, in the past, gone to offset administrative costs, participation is by no means mandatory. Nor is there a minimum amount required for those who do choose to participate in Happy Barrel. Happy Barrel has been and will continue to be a voluntary gesture for those who wish to share their good fortunes with their fellow Kiwanians. And while the Board is extremely grateful to those who choose to contribute it is never assumed that there will always be funds to draw from Happy Barrel.

I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Governor, Judy Sunderland, made her official visit to Divisions 12, 13 and 14 on Sunday, November 18 at the Rochelle Country Club. Judy is from the Dunlap Club (near Peoria) and for her convenience, the three divisions were asked (by the I-I District office) to hold a joint event. Division 12 was the only one of the three to have Key Club members in attendance. There were ten from the Pecatonica Club, including the Division 12 Key Club Lt. Governor, Emily Mullen, and six from Auburn.

A total of 143 people enjoyed good food, good camaraderie and great entertainment by the De Kalb High School Guys Accapella Group. In addition, Governor Judy inducted two new Kiwanians; one from the Northern Winnebago County Club, Patti Puckett, and our own Roxanne Vanderheyden who was re-installed by her husband, John, at the November 29th Alpine K nights meeting at Thunder Bay.

Return Service Requested

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